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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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USNAVCOMMSTA LONDONDERRY ( BY POUCH)

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LONDON PASS LONDONDERRY

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MARR, PINS, UK ( N. I.)

SUBJECT: LONDON DERRY BASE MAY BECOME PROVO TARGET

1. PAUL HASTINGS- CAUGHEY, A JOURNALIST, TOLD CONGEN TODAY THAT LONDONDERRY PROVOS ARE IN PROCESS OF DECIDING THAT USNAV-COMMSTA WILL BE MADE LEGITIMATE TARGET OF THEIR OPERATION. HASTINGS-CAUGHEY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS OF " NORTH ATLANTIC PRESS" AND CLAIMS TO HAVE DONE WORK FOR THE ( LONDON) TIMES AND TO BE IN N. I. TO DO STORY FOR N. Y. TIMES ON GERALD BRADY CASE. H- C SAID HIS SOURCE WAS ONE SEAMUS KELLY AND IDENTIFIED LATTER AS LONDONDERRY PROVO LEADER NOW ON THE RUN AND LIVING OVER BORDER IN LETTERKENNY. CONGEN WONDERED WHY PROVOS WOULD CONTEMPLATE SUCH ACTION AND PARTICULARLY IF REASON MIGHT BE IMPORTANCE OF BASE PAYROLL TO ECONOMY OF COMMUNITY. H- C SAID THAT WAS IT. BASE COMMANDER HAS BEEN INFORMED OF FOREGOING.

2. TO BELFAST' S KNOWLEDGE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS EVEN HALF- WAY SERIOUSLY MENTIONED ATTACK ON LONDONDERRY BASE WAS MRS. BERNADETTE  
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MCALESKEY ( NEE DEVLIN), AS SHE INSISTS NOW ON BEING CALLED.  
HER IDEA, EXPLAINED IN HER " PRICE OF MY SOUL" ( P.77), WAS TO  
CAUSE DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT BY BLOWING UP BASE INSTALLATIONS TO  
BRING " NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD." SHE OF  
COURSE  
HAD SAID SHE SUPPORTS OFFICIALS ( NOT PROVOS).

3. COMMENT: ATTACKS ON LONDONDERRY BASE WOULD SEEM HIGHLY  
UNLIKELY. THEY WOULD BE ABOUT SUREST WAY ONE COULD THINK  
OF TO DRY UP FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN US FRO PROVOS. HASTINGS-  
CAUGHEY NOT KNOWN TO LOCAL LONDON TIMES PEOPLE.  
PENBERTHY

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